

Tiriba

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Tiriba (*Triba*) is from the Laduma-people, from the Boke- and Boffa area in the West of Guinea. Through the years *Tiriba* has been given different meanings. In the oldest period *Tiriba* was a great dancer who performed with a group of percussionists. Dancing in a special costume he was called 'the *Tiriba*'. This *Tiriba*-dance is no longer danced, but the rhythm is played very often. Later the rhythm got popular with initiations, as girls became woman; a dance where mothers and their daughters dance together. The rhythm is a ternary rhythm, but there is also a 'modern' binary version (by Arafan Touré).

Tiriba (ternaire)

Call	T:T	T:T	T:T	T:T	T:T
	f:r	l:r	l:r	l:r	l:r

Kenkeni	●	●	○	●	●	○
	x:x	x:x	x:x	x:x	x:x	x:x

Sangban	○	●	○	●
	x:x	x:x	x:x	x:x

Doundoun	●	●	●	●
	x:x	x:x	x:x	x:x

Combination for in drumset (without bell);

from left to right: kenkeni - sangban - doundoun

Left hand	K:K	S	K:K	S
Right hand	D	D	D	D

Djembé 1	S	T	T	S	T	T
	r	r	l	r	r	l

Djembé 2	B:S	T	S	B:S	B:S
	r:l	r	l	r	r:l

Djembé 3	B	T	S	B	T	S
	r	l	r	r	l	r

Djembé 4	B	S	B	T	T	B:S	B:T	T
	r	r	l	r	l	r	l	r

Djembé 5	S	S	B	T	T	B	S	S	B	T	T
	r	r	l	r	l	r	r	l	r	l	r

Djembé 6	T	T	S	T	T	S	S	B	S	S	B	S
	r	l	r	l	r	l	r	r	l	r	l	r

Djembé solo 1		S	T	T	T	S	B	S	T	T	T	S	B
phrase 1		l	l	r	r	l	r	l	l	r	l	r	l

	B	S	T	T	T	S	B	S	T	T	T	S	B	B
	r	l	l	r	r	l	r	l	l	r	l	r	l	r

	B	T	S	T	T	T	S	B	S	T	T	T	S	B
	r	l	r	l	l	r	r	l	r	l	l	r	l	r

Solo phrase's learned from Ponda O'Bryan

Djembé solo 2	T	S	S	S	S	T	T	T	S	S	S	S	T	T
phrase 1	l	2r	l	r	r	r	l	l	2r	l	r	l	r	l

	S	S	S	S	T	T	S	t	t	t	t	s	
	r	l	r	l	r	r	l	f	2r	l	r	l	r

	T	S	S	S	T	T	S	S	T	T	S	S	
phrase 2	l	r	l	r	r	l	r	l	r	r	l	r	l

	S	S	S	T	T	S	S	S	T	T	S	S	S	T	T			
phrase 3	2r	l	r	l	r	l	2r	l	r	l	2r	l	r	l	2r	l	r	l

	S	S	B	S	S	B	S	S	B	S	S
	r	l	l	r	l	l	r	l	l	r	l

	B	T	T	S	S	S	B	T	T	S	S	S	T	T
phrase 4	l	r	l	r	l	r	r	l	r	l	r	l	r	l

	S	S	S	T	T	S	S	S	T	T	S	S	S	B
	r	l	r	r	l	r	l	r	r	l	r	l	r	l

A 'modern' binary version of Tiriba (by Arafan Touré):

Call	T	T	T	T	T	T	S	
	f	r	l	r	r	l	r	r

Combi kenkeni			●	●	●	●		●
sangban	●							
doundoun				●			●	
bell	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Djembé 1	T	T	T	T	S	B	S
	r	l	r	l	r	r	r

	T	T	T	S	S	S	B	S
	r	l	r	l	r	l	r	r

	T	T	T	S	B	B	T	T	S
	r	l	r	l	r	r	r	l	r

Djembé 2	T	T	T	T	T	T
	r	l	r	l	r	l

Sources

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